



Traffic Survey Report Issue

Limberlost

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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The impact of infill development is evident in our neighborhoods. Retail developments along Limberlost Drive from Campbell to Oracle include a Trader Joe's at Campbell and Limberlost, a Fitness center and retail development at 1st Ave. and Limberlost, and the relocation of Home Depot as part of a 34 acre retail development at Oracle and Limberlost. That last development resulted in a traffic survey estimating 2000 additional trips a day generated on Limberlost Drive. There are many more residential construction projects in progress or planned as well.

Limberlost and Campus Farms neighbors are talking to the City about what can be done to control volume and speed as Limberlost Drive, Roger Road and other surrounding streets experience increasing volume and speed problems with traffic. On June 8th, thanks in large part to Bonnie Poulos of Campus Farms, a meeting was held. Campus Farms Neighbors, Limberlost Neighbors, Ward III representatives, Uof A Campus Farms and Arizona Health Sciences representatives met at the UA Farm with Vince Cata-

lano, a City of Tucson Traffic Engineer, to discuss the situation.

In keeping with the policies and guidelines of the Neighborhood Traffic Management program, Vince Catalano of the City Transportation department recommended that both neighborhoods team up to conduct a survey of neighbors. It is important to note here that a survey is not a petition to implement traffic mitigation efforts. Our survey polled resident's perceptions about the severity of traffic problems, and their support for a range of mitigation approaches. We did not ask for signatures of approval for any specific approach.

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Don Hummel Park-PortaPotty Test

While schoolkids and families seek out the bushes for relief, our Neighborhood Association ponders the difficulty of building a facility that would be expensive and likely become a target for crime. One possible solution: a low-cost portable potty that would be locked at night. Park liason Karen Van Stelle and her designee's would have the key. We need your input before trying a 3 month test. Contact Karen at 292-6620.

The Survey was mailed out to approximately 5000 residential addresses in the third week of September. 300 residents responded: 208 from Campus Farms; 68 from Limberlost neighborhood and 24 that could not be sorted due to no address provided. Responses were entered onto a spreadsheet for analysis. The completed spreadsheet can be requested from Michael Ray. A meeting to share the data was held at the University of Arizona Veterinary Science building October 28, again with City of Tucson representative Vince Catalano and many of the same people who attended the

June meeting. The Survey response percentages for each item are shown in the table below, separated by neighborhood.

Observations from the meeting included: •*Regarding survey comments from neighbors who want a traffic signal put in at Campbell and Limberlost:* Vince Catalano reports that the City of Tucson is constrained by Federal and City codes from putting a light in at the quarter mile location of this site. It would increase traffic on Limberlost 2-3 times what it is now, reduce the capacity of Campbell to carry an already heavy traffic volume and actually increase the potential for traffic accidents at Campbell and Limberlost.

•Neighbors on Roger Road did not see their traffic problems represented in the survey, which focused exclusively on Limberlost Drive. The survey created the impression that

Campus Farms Percentage response Problems	% Not a Problem			% Big Problem			Options	% Strongly Oppose			% Strongly Support		
	1	2	3	4	5			1	2	3	4	5	
a. Traffic volume	23	19	25	15	18	a. Traffic circles		37	6	14	9	34	
b. Traffic speed	21	22	19	21	17	b. Speed tables		41	11	21	11	16	
c. Running Stop Signs	24	27	19	16	14	c. Curb extensions		37	15	19	14	15	
d. Traffic Noise	31	24	22	12	11	d. Speed humps		48	13	13	11	15	
e. Cut-thru traffic	26	22	21	13	18	e. Partial street closures		56	15	8	6	15	
						f. Small median islands		32	7	20	19	22	

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mitigation on Limberlost would move traffic volume from Limberlost to Roger. Any future planning must take into account the increasing volumes on Roger Road and the impacts on neighbors whose properties front this road. All roads in our neighborhoods will see increasing volumes, and we need plans that treat the whole neighborhood as a system, and do not pit one street against another.

- City planning documents show Limberlost between Campbell and 1st as a local street, not a collector. Roger Road is a collector from Campbell west.

- The Amphitheater Elementary School at Mountain Avenue and Limberlost Drive will need to be involved, as traffic volumes and speed represent a particular concern for that stretch of Limberlost Drive.

- Amphitheater Neighborhood Association involvement in future discussions and planning is important to represent neighbors on Roger from 1st to Oracle.

- Those attending supported creation of a traffic planning task force in each Neighborhood Association, to gather neighborhood input on the desired characteristics of Limberlost Drive and Roger Road. Participants in this discussion will take this proposal back to their respective neighborhoods for approval. This plan will complement existing plans for Mountain Ave. and Stone Ave. and provide the basis for obtaining County improvement grants for landscaping and other traffic calming approaches approved by 60% of neighbors in a Petition for Study (see Neighborhood Traffic Management Program on-line at: <http://dot.ci.tucson.az.us/ntmp/docs/ntmppolicy.htm>

Other News...

1. Election of Officers was held at the October 27th meeting (see names below).

2. The October monthly meeting authorized cosmetic changes in the language of the Charter and Bylaws needed to prepare our filing for Federal tax-exempt status. Thanks again to Bill Druke for providing the legal expertise needed to make this happen.

3. Mayor and Council met November 22nd and approved the request to rezone approximately 9.78 acres from MH-1 to C-1 zoning. The rezoning site is located on the northeast corner of First Avenue and Limberlost Drive. The development plan proposes 107,038 square feet of retail uses in seven structures. This plan was modified with input from both Campus Farms and Limberlost Neighbors. Issues included traffic mitigation on Limberlost and building heights and placement to retain views of the Catalina Mountains.

The Limberlost Neighborhood is supported by a Coordinating Committee composed of your neighbors. Contact the members with ideas or questions at the numbers below:

Michael Ray, President	888-6452
Laurie Haskett, Vice President	887-9487
Carlos Nagel, Secretary	887-1188
Faye Goodspeed, Treasurer	690-1630
Brid Williams, Communication	887-5048
Nick Burke, Amphi Bus Facility	888-2806
Cazlin Robbins, Land Use	293-6560
Karen Van Stelle, Park Liaison	292-6620
Bennett Bernal, Ward III	791-4711
Nick Stowe, Safety	690-0767

COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS RELOCATION HELP!

At the last meeting of the Limberlost Neighborhood Association on November 15 I mentioned that our Community Garden on First Avenue will be brought to a close because the land from which we obtain city water is being sold. We have been there for fourteen years.

To continue we will need to keep or expand the involvement of at least a six people. Each person pays \$12 per month to cover costs of water, irrigation equipment and repairs.

We need an area of about a quarter acre (say 50 yards by 24) that is, or can be, fenced against rabbits, dogs and thieves. If it is "out of sight" so much the better

It must have a water system that the garden can tap into. The garden water usage will be measured and the homeowner will be reimbursed, month by month, for the water used.

There should be off-street parking available.

The irrigation equipment can be brought over from the First Avenue garden but money may be needed for land clearing, laying water pipe, and fencing.

If you want to take this concept further we would be glad to explain how we successfully operate the First Avenue Garden and the other four gardens in different parts of Tucson.

Contact: Shirley McReynold at 408-0659 or George Brookbank at 888-4586

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NEXT MEETING: 1-26-05

WHERE: Las Candelas Hall
403 E. Limberlost

WHEN: 6:30 PM

Agenda:

Traffic Planning
Amphi Bus Facility
Hummel Park Bathroom
Community Garden
Home Depot Update
Senior Care Program

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